AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

70th Annual Convention
ATLANTA BILTMORE HOTEL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
AUGUST 16, 1961

May 4, 1961

ATLANTA COIN CLUB, *Host*
Box 234, ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

This confirms my telephone conversation with you concerning the display of your Confederate Half Dollar at the Seventieth Annual Convention of the ANA in Atlanta, August 16-19, 1961.

This being the centennial of the Civil War, I can think of nothing more fitting for the occasion than to have on display your original Confederate Half Dollar. Undoubtedly this would be the attraction of the convention. I am sure this large group of collectors will forever be indebted to you for the once in a lifetime opportunity of viewing this precious piece.

We will be glad to take whatever special security measures that you deem necessary to insure its safety. Mr. Vernon Sheldon is out of town and I could not reach him today but as soon as he returns I shall put him to work on designing a special stand for this exhibit. We will have him submit his plans to you for your approval before it is built.

We would like your permission to publicize the fact that it will be on display at the convention so that anyone wishing to see it can plan to attend. I appreciate your kindness in this matter and will keep in touch with you.

Yours truly,

O.M. Reed
General Chairman

Copy to: Messrs. Sheldon and Reed

May 8, 1961

Mr. G. M. Todd, General Chairman
American Numismatic Association
Post Office Box 234
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Todd:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4, 1961 confirming your telephone request that an original Confederate Half Dollar be exhibited at the 70th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, in Atlanta, August 16-19, 1961. Since the Centennial of the Civil War is being contemporaneously celebrated, there should be, particularly in the South, substantial interest in seeing this coin. An original Confederate Cent is available as a companion piece.

We will be glad to cooperate with respect to such a loan, but before making a commitment it is essential that an understanding is reached on security measures, insurance, and the display case. Publicity, therefore, would be inadvisable until these matters are resolved.

The display case should be tamper proof and well anchored. Safety glass should be used in lieu of breakable glass and a much heavier gauge metal than is used on the standard A.N.A cases should be used. The case should be lighted from the inside and have a movable magnifying glass attached to the outside.

We have available a mechanism which will, by pressing a button on the outside of the case, turn the coin to any angle so that its front, back and edges can be easily seen. This can be redesigned and improved. The original model is 18 inches long, 3 inches wide, 3 inches high, and will hold 8 coins.

It is important that we know whether the exhibit will be open to the public, to registrants only, or merely to A.N.A. members, and whether there are any restrictions of any other kind on who may attend the exhibit.

 May 8, 1961

Mr. G. M. Todd, General Chairman
American Numismatic Association
Post Office Box 234
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Please let us hear from you after you have had an opportunity to consider the problems.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By _____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Chartered by Congress

M. VERNON SHELDON
451 Wrightwood Avenue
CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis 2, Mo.

May 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Re: Atlanta Convention Exhibit of
Original Confederate Half Dollar

George Todd in phone conversations and the May 4th copy of letter to you all focus on the subject heading details.

On May 10th a call at the Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook, Ill., in consultation with a Mr. Simmons, brought out the following:

(1) There is no classification setup for coding the safety or security of floaters loan insurance risks.

(2) Mr. Simmons advised using one of the deep cases secured with four carriage bolts to the supporting table (smooth heads of bolts outside, lockwashered and securing nuts inside.

(3) The display covered with a fitted laminated bullet-proof glass 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick. The case is 1/16" thick welded construction.

(4) A shielding lock fitted over the caselock to void entre by the usual master keying- as fitted to all ANA display cases.

(5) That the reverse showing of the coin be accomplished through use of standard reversing mirrors.

(6) That for the duration of the showing the guards be stationed twenty-four hours a day within twelve feet of this display. He strongly advised against any levers or assembly which could turn the coin from outside the case. This because of driving a tool against such lever could damage the coin and increases the risk factors.

All of the above material can be assembled and I would bring same by auto to Atlanta. The estimate cost is $60.00 not including the stop outside-of-the-case lighting. Heavier steel about the case was discussed but regarded of little consequence with the guard present all of the time. I shall be happy to assist you as wanted.

Most cordially yours

M. Vernon Sheldon

Copy to: G.M.Todd

May 16, 1961

Mr. M. Vernon Sheldon
American Numismatic Association
451 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago 14, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

In connection with the manufacture of a case for the proposed exhibition of the Confederate Half Dollar, a few further questions should be answered.

A. 1/16" thick steel welded construction seems satisfactory and I believe this is thicker than the standard A.N.A. case which is of lighter gauge metal. Please advise.

B. With respect to locks, I suggest two locks on the front instead of one to protect the corners from being pried open. The two locks can be near the corners on the front. Shielding locks would nevertheless be necessary.

C. 1/2" thick bulletproof laminated glass is too thick, in my opinion, as it might affect the view and perhaps 1/4" or 3/8" may be adequate.

D. Standard reversing mirrors are, in my opinion, inadequate when the coin or coins can be turned over electrically without any levers or assembly projecting outside the case. All that is necessary is an electric push button which will operate an induction type clock motor. If you wish we can send you the one which was made up here a few years ago and you could make a new and improved model if you did not wish to use the original one. We would like to know what the net inside measurement of the case would be to see what would fit in.

E. There should be anchored on the top of the case a magnifying glass.

F. The bolting of the case to a table with the nuts on the inside of the case is quite sound.

Please give us your and Mr. Simmons comments on the foregoing.

May 16, 1961

Mr. Vernon Sheldon
American Numismatic Association
451 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago 14, Illinois

You might even have remembered the turn-over device from the Central States Convention in St. Louis.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

May 16, 1961

Mr. G. M. Todd, General Chairman
American Numismatic Association
Post Office Box 234
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Todd:

In connection with your telephone call of yesterday and your desire to have a Georgia Coinage exhibit in connection with the 1961 A.N.A. convention, we discussed our furnishing to you the Georgia gold put out by C. Bechtler, being the $2.50 and $5 gold pieces which are specifically marked Georgia gold. In addition I called your attention to a $10 note of the Pigeon Roost Mining Company of Lumpkin County, Georgia, dated September 6, 1836. These three items can be furnished by us for such an exhibit if they cannot readily be obtained elsewhere.

You indicated you could find a Templeton Reid's piece or so through other sources.

A copy of the letter being written to Vernon Sheldon is enclosed.

We are hopeful that the details can be worked out.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By
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May 22, 1961

ATLANTA COIN CLUB, *Host*
Box 234, ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA

Mr. Don Sherer
111 W. Osborn
Suite 213
Pheonix, Arizona

Dear Don:

I am attaching a copy of Mr. Newman's letter of May 19, 1961 concerning insurance coverage for the Confederate Half Dollar and Cent which he proposes to exhibit at the Convention in Atlanta.

Will you please contact Mr. Newman and provide insurance coverage that is agreeable to him.

Yours truly,

General Chairman

Copy to Mr. Newman

June 8, 1961

Mr. Vernon Sheldon
451 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago 14, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Mr. Todd told me today that you would like to see the rotating mechanism which I developed for display. It is being sent to you under separate cover. It can be placed inside the case and the electric line run through a very small hole in the case to a push-button which should be mounted on the outside of the case. The push-button would then be connected to a standard extension. In this manner, by pressing the push-button the display would rotate to any position desired and would stop on release of the push-button.

You will note that the little gear motor drives the frame through a very loose connection, which is essential so that it does not bind or become subjected to additional pressure. The plastic holders are slid into the frame from its center which will spread. Two plastic holders are included.

My mechanism is rather crude, and if it could be dolled up a little or a new one made it would be helpful. A new one should have a shorter span or you could put a new span on this one, which would have a little more practical means of inserting the plastic holders.

This will enable you to understand the size of the case which is required, and as long as there is clearance this ought to be something different.

I will be going away on my vacation in a couple weeks, and I want to be sure everything will be in order for the convention. If there is any doubt about the construction of the case or the display, let me know promptly.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:kh

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Chartered by Congress

M. VERNON SHELDON
451 Wrightwood Avenue
CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

July 15, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St.Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Subject: Special Security Display Case

The A.N.A. moves like a lumber-wagon but finally get there intact.

This special case is better than fifty percent completed and incorporates the ideas suggested by Mr. Sirmins of the Underwriter's Laboratories. The size is 18" x 30" x 4½" deep, and sufficient clearance inside to swing the fixture you sent weeks ago. I am carrying the completed case to Atlanta- to make sure of safe delivery and to take care of the setting up.

The estimated cost was figured at 96.00 complete FOB Skokie,Ill.. Since there will always be need for a maximum security exhibit case, I have by phone urged Gen. Sec'y Reagan to purchase this special case for the A.N.A., and handle it along with the regular cases used at A.N.A. Conventions.

For your safety mindedness, the glass cover is three quarter inch thick and equipped with two maximum security-type locks keyed differently. Also, an over fitting 1/8" split case covers the bottom and sides- which can be bolted to the supporting table along with the exhibit case. The only exposed entrance to this case will be where the electric cord passes thru a quarter inche hole. The operating switch will be mounted on the righthand side of the case for energizing the fixture motor. The locks will be cover by the slipover case.

Unless something unforeseen arises, meet me in Atlanta.

Most cordially your

M. Vernon Sheldon

M. Vernon Sheldon

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ATLANTA COIN CLUB, *Host*
Box 234, ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA

Mr. Eric P. Newman, President
Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

This is in reply to your letter of May 8, 1961 and confirms my telephone conversation with you this morning.

You will discuss and agree with Mr. Vernon Sheldon as to how the coin will be mounted for display. He will make the display case so that it will be satisfactory with you. We will carry $250,000 in insurance which will include all exhibits and not be limited to a single display; such as, your coin. There will be a uniformed guard within twelve feet of this display twenty-four (24) hours a day. Since this case is being constructed special to display this particular coin and there may be other occasions where it would be needed for the same purpose we shall be glad for you to pay for and own the case.

We also would like to have the confederate cent and other item that we discussed.

Mr. Bird, Sales Manager of the Biltmore Hotel confirmed to me that under existing regulations they cannot register as guests or feed negroes in the Hotel. The Hotel will administer this regulation.

If a negro member of the ANA shows up and requests to be registered he will be registered for badge only and will be privileged to attend the Official Meetings, Bourse and Exhibits. He will not be sold a ticket to the Banquet or certain other functions. If he obtains one from someone else he will be refused admission to that event. The

Exhibits and Bourse will be open to the public without any restrictions.

I have reserved for you a single room at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel for Monday, August 14, 1961. The Convention officially opens Wednesday, August 16 and closes with a Banquet on Saturday, August 19, 1961. They will confirm the room direct to you. If Monday is not the date you will arrive I shall be glad to change it.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

General Chairman

Copy to Mr. Reed and
Mr. Sheldon

May 19, 1961

Mr. T. M. Todd
American Numismatic Association
Box 234
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Todd:

Thank you for your letter of May 15, 1961. The matter of the display is under way with Mr. Sheldon.

As to the insurance, we believe it will be essential to carry insurance from the time the coins leave the safe deposit box, in St. Louis, until they return, and to have them specifically mentioned in the policy and a copy of the policy turned over to us. The insurance should be in the name of this society and Eric P. Newman, as their interests may appear. The Confederate Half Dollar should be insured for $100,000.00 and the Confederate Cent for $1500.00. There have been just too many coin robberies for the insurance protection to be on a limited and general coverage basis. Would it be possible for you to turn this insurance matter over to the party who is handling it and let us work it out directly with that party?

If a satisfactory case can be produced for about $60.00 there will be no objection to our paying for this item.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By _____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

May 19, 1961

Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

You have just made a reservation for me for August 14, 1961 in connection with the American Numismatic Association Convention. I have just been advised that any colored members of the association who wish to attend the banquet will not be served.

I understand that the schools, many businesses, and others are going to change their policies by the time schools open this fall and I am wondering whether you are going to make this change with respect to conventions of this type. I certainly do not expect you to change your policy for the A.N.A. Convention because I sincerely believe that when the policy is changed it should be done by everyone together.

Would you be kind enough to let me know what you plan to do this fall as my participation will be affected by your position.

I am not connected with any group and merely have a personal decision to make with respect to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

May 22, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
President
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education
Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Replying to your letter of May 19 with regard to our policy of serving colored members at your banquet. Our policy has recently been changed and we are happy to advise you that if you will direct a letter to us requesting that we serve several colored members at your banquet, we shall be happy to do so. We do suggest that you not attempt to segregate your colored members at special tables but have them dine only at intergrated tables.

We shall await your direction in this matter.

Cordially yours,

ATLANTA BILTMORE HOTEL

D. O. Beusse
Vice President and
General Manager

DOB:ej

June 6, 1961

Mr. T. M. Todd
American Numismatic Association
Box 234
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Todd:

I am pleased to advise you that I received a letter from the Atlanta Biltmore indicating that colored members of the A.N.A. will be served at the banquet if you make such a request to the hotel. Their policy has recently been changed. Naturally, they would not wish to have the colored members segregated.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I received from the hotel and know that you will follow through in connection with this item.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and I am hoping everything will work out with respect to the exhibit.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

CHARLES K. BERGER
LESTER SEASONGOOD

Commercial Insurors

GARFIELD 1-5047 · 721 OLIVE STREET · SAINT LOUIS 1, MO.

June 8, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I checked with the American Insurance Company and they will give us a valued policy on your coin or coins and will accept $50,000.00 on the one item and $3,000.00 on the other as representing the value. They quoted me a rate of $100.00 for the period the coins would be at risk which, we told them, would be a few weeks.

If you decide that you wish the insurance, please let me know and we will be glad to provide it.

Kindest regards,

Chas

Charles K. Berger

CKB:IA

Glenn B. Smedley

253 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

July 8, 1961

Dear Friend:

In keeping with the expressed desire of the paper money and bank note collectors who met informally at the 1960 Boston A.N.A. Convention, and of several others subsequently, this letter is a call for a meeting at the Atlanta Convention in August.

A look at the convention program in The Numismatist, July issue, indicates the time of least interference with other activities will be Wednesday evening, August 16. The writer expects to arrive for the convention Monday evening and, if agreeable to most of those interested, will arrange for a meeting room for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. You may learn of the meeting place from a sign or blackboard notice which I will place in the vicinity of the registration desk.

Please understand that taking this step to arrange for a meeting does not imply my willingness to accept leadership of any organization which may result. On the contrary, other commitments -- especially to the A.N.A. -- preclude this.

It will be appreciated if you will advise me shortly whether you expect to attend the above proposed meeting. I believe that all of us should feel free to invite other collectors with similar interests to attend as our guests.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn B. Smedley

P.S. - Send name and address of any collector to whom a copy of this letter should be sent.

THE NUMISMATIST
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GLENN B. SMEDLEY, Asst. to the Editor
253 Washington Blvd.
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

July 28, 1961

Mrs. Russell Cunningham, Jr.
Messrs. Grover Criswell, Jr.
Herbert H. Bergen
Eric P. Newman

Dear Friends:

Now that we have had our first meeting - in the pages of The Numismatist - as members of the Educational Program panel, we should consider our next meeting.

There are always so many things to do at the convention that it is best to take care of arrangements in advance. I will check with the Committee at Atlanta and make sure that ordinary provisions for the program are made.

If any of you require any special facilities, such as slide projector, blackboard or other visual aids, will you please drop me a line before August 10. If you have slides or film, be sure to give the size and other necessary data for projection.

It looks to me like we will have an interesting and profitable program, and I look forward to seeing each of you at the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn B.

Glenn B. Smedley
Chairman

Eric:

Please excuse the carbon copy. I have to do my own typing and need to save time. Very happy that you will be with us in Atlanta.

Glenn

Glenn B. Smedley

253 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

August 5, 1961

Dear Friend:

This letter is going to those paper money and bank note collectors who received my letter of July 8 (or same dated July 23), and who have indicated their intention of attending the proposed meeting in Atlanta on August 16.

A few also received an invitation from Mr. Blaise Dantone to a "cocktail party buffet supper" at his home, 2855 Ridgewood Road, N. W., at 6:30 that same evening. To avoid the conflict, Mr. Dantone has now invited all of us to attend his party, and to hold our meeting during the evening in a recreation room in his home.

Accordingly, you are invited to this affair at Mr. Dantone's home, and advised that we will meet there sometime during the evening. I am sending him addresses of those who've written their intention to attend, and he expects to send each of you a personal invitation to his party. However, time is quite short and if you fail to receive his invitation you are to consider this letter your invitation. Notice of the meeting will not be posted at the Convention, so be sure to keep this letter and remember the date (August 16), time (6:30 p.m.) and place (2855 Ridgewood Road, N. W.)

This should be a most pleasant and memorable evening and meeting, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Dantone. Be sure to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn B. Smedley

Glenn B. Smedley

- Recipients of this letter -

Affleck, Charles J.
Biesiuk, Harold E.
Blanchard, Dr. Julian
Cook, Byron W.
Criswell, Grover C., Jr.
Curto, James J.
Dolnick, Michael M.
Freeman, Harley L.
Henderson, Warren S.
Kirkwood, James
Lessin, Harry M.
Newman, Eric P.
Preston, J. R.
Rothert, Matt H.
Stark, Leonard W.
Swanson, Dr. John A.

August 8, 1961

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley
253 Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

I will arrive about 6:10 P. M. on Wednesday, August 16 and hope to be able to meet with the paper money group. I might be a little late but that isn't too important.

Thank you for advising me that the meeting will be at the home of Mr. Dantone.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 9, 1961

Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

You have my reservation for a single bedroom beginning August 14. I would like my reservation changed to a twin bedded room for myself and my wife beginning August 16.

I would appreciate your cooperation in connection with this change.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

EFN/atb

August 21, 1961

Mr. Bryant M. Smith
National Parts Warehouse
1260 Kennedy Road
Forest Park, Georgia

Dear Bryant:

One of the pleasant memories of the Atlanta Convention was your kindness to Evelyn and myself and the very delightful meal we had together. I am sorry it was so rushed as we certainly enjoyed talking to you. I hope our paths cross more often.

Thank you, again, for your kindness.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 14, 1961

Mr. Bryant M. Smith
National Parts Warehouse
1260 Kennedy Road
Forest Park, Georgia

Dear Bryant:

I am very grateful for your invitation in connection with my visit to the A.N.A. convention in Atlanta. My wife is coming with me as we propose to learn a lot and have a lot of fun.

I do look forward to seeing you but hope that we can arrange something in Atlanta. Both Thursday and Friday evenings I am involved in educational matters. Thursday night I am giving a talk, as you may know, and Friday I am attending some divisional meetings. I certainly would not want to eat and run. In any event, we will work in some time together.

I was glad that you and the Mellitzs had fun together in Miami while my wife and I were hard at work studying the problems in South Africa.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 25, 1961

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley
253 Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

I want to take this opportunity of telling you how well you conducted the educational program. I never expected that there would be so many in attendance. Mrs. Cunningham was charming and interesting, Grover did not have time to prepare anything, Bergman did an amazing amount of work on a very difficult subject, and I was lucky not be have been shot. I tried to pick a subject which would be stimulating and controversial and I think at least that much was accomplished.

I know that your assistant editorship in the Numismatist will bring you a great deal of pleasure and I hope that our contact will increase over the years.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Mrs. Russell McWhorter Cunningham Jr.

Dear Mr Newman,

May I tell you again how much I enjoyed your address before the A N A convention!

When Admiral Dodson invited me to take part on the program, I knew it was an honor – but I frankly did not realize what outstanding persons were to appear on the panel. I feel very humble to have even occupied the stage with such minds as were

represented!

It was a pleasure to meet you and your lovely wife

Looking forward to seeing you both — and the Pigeon Post Bank note — at the next convention, I am,

Cordially
Penelope Cunningham

Aug. 22, 1961

FROM: "HISTORY OF LUMPKIN COUNTY" BY ANDREW W. CAIN; PAGE 419 (PUB. IN 1932)

"PIGEON ROOST. A PLACE FOUR MILES SOUTH OF DAHLONEGA WHERE THE PASSENGER PIGEON FORMERLY ROOSTED IN IMMENSE NUMBERS. AS LATE AS 70 YEARS AGO THESE BIRDS THRONGED THE HEAVENS IN COUNTLESS MILLIONS, LITERALLY DARKENING THE SKY IN THEIR FLIGHT. AT THE PLACES WHERE THEY ROOSTED, THE BOUGHS WERE STRIPPED FROM THE TREES AND LARGE LIMBS WERE FREQUENTLY BROKEN OFF BY THEIR WEIGHT. STRANGE TO SAY THAT OF ALL THE VAST NUMBER OF PASSENGER PIGEONS THAT WERE ONCE SEEN, NOT A SINGLE ~~XXX~~ REPRESENTATIVE IS LEFT, THE LST ONE IN THE WORLD HAVING DIED AT ONE O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1914."

BANKING IN LUMPKIN COUNTY (PAGE 413)

" THE FIRST BANK ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTY WAS THAT AT AURARIA AND WAS OPERATED BY THE PIGEON ROOST MINING COMPANY. IT WAS PROBABLY ESTABLISHED IN 1883 AND WAS OPERATED FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE. IT SEEMS NOT TO HAVE DONE A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS BUT WAS FOR THE SAFEKEEPING OF THE FUNDS OF THE COMPANY AND FOR CONVENIENCE IN PAYING EMPLOYEES. THE OLD BANK BUILDING CONTINUED TO STAND UNTIL 1910."

August 29, 1961

Mrs. Russell M.Cunningham
3621 Country Club Road
Birmingham 13, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

As I told you, in Atlanta, I enjoyed your part of the program and the delightful way in which you presented it. Thank you for your nice comments concerning my talk.

I am enclosing a photostat of the Pigeon Roost Mining Company note dated 1835. Apparently this piece is otherwise unknown. If you find out anything more about it I would appreciate hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb